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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Dale K. Bell  
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Title: AXLE LUBRICANT ISOLATION

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2003 (paper no. 9).

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